

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is a division of earlier application Serial No. 09/959,717 (allowed) and is directed to subject matter not elected in that application. By way of background, the original PCT application contained a total of 30 claims. Later, during Chapter II processing, the claims were amended and revised to number 27 in total.

In the parent application, the first Official Action on the merits, dated April 4, 2003 (Paper No. 4) examined and applied unity of invention considerations to the originally filed 30 claims. Applicants, in turn, selected claims 1-18, and 28-30, Group I, which claims, or replacements thereof, were allowed in the parent application.

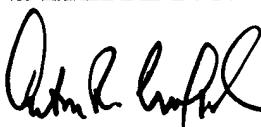
The present application is directed to original claims 19-28 and are drawn to a process for producing S-(-)-chlorosuccinic acid. The claim amendments presented above revise claims 19-27 and place them in a more traditional format as new claims 28-36.

An examination on the merits is awaited taking into account the attached PTO-1449 relating to documents of record in the parent application to the extent that they may be pertinent to the subject matter claimed in the present divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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